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In re Application of: Markus Gebhardt, et al.

Attention: Application Branch

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Title: Level Limit Valve

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The following completes the filing of the above-identified patent application under Rule 52, 53, and/or 85:

- ☒ Rule 53 signed Declaration enclosed.
☐ This is a Rule 47 filing per attached Petition.
☐ Enclosed: Original signed Declaration with attached specification (including claims) which is a copy of specification/claims originally filed to secure above filing date.
☒ Specification originally filed in non-English language; hence verified translation attached of:
☒ Abstract ☒ 13 pages of Specification (only spec. & claims) ☐ Drawing Figs.
☐ sheet(s) of formal drawings enclosed: size: ☐ A4 ☐ 14" ☐ 8½ by 11
☒ Attached is an assignment to Alfmeier Präzision AG, Baugruppen und Systemlösungen.
☒ Priority is hereby claimed under rule 55 and 35 U.S.C. 119 based on prior foreign application no. 100 40 310.7, filed in Germany on August 17, 2000, respectively.
Certified copy (copies) ☒ attached; ☐ already filed on _____ in U.S. Application, Serial No. _____, filed _____.
☐ Attached: _____ Verified Statement(s) establishing "small entity" status under Rules 9 & 27.
☒ Attached is the request return copy of the PTO Notice under Rule 52, 53, and/or 85.
☐ Attached: _____
☒ Preliminary Amendment: See attachment.

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VERIFIED TRANSLATION OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT (37 CFR 1.55(A))

I, the below-named translator, hereby declare that:

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That I am knowledgeable in the English language, and in the German language of the patent application from which priority is claimed for this application;

The priority document is attached.

I hereby state that the attached translation of the priority document that I have prepared is accurate.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

The priority document attached is further identified as:

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Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(f) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Applicant must file an English translation of the application, the \$ 130 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i), unless previously submitted, and a statement that the translation is accurate (37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 970.**
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

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